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Action Plan of Enhancing the Production of Aus Rice

A day-long workshop on *Action Plan of Enhancing the Production of Aus Rice (2011-12)* jointly organized by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council and Department of Agricultural Extension was held on 6 February 2011. The objective of the workshop was to develop a plan of action to enhance the production of Aus rice in Bangladesh. Matia Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of



Matia Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture was present in the workshop as chief guest

the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Mr. C Q K Mustaq Ahmed, Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture attended the inaugural session as chief guest and special guest respectively. Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC chaired the opening session of the workshop. A total of 140 scientists, extension workers and rice seed producing personnel took part in the workshop. Additional Directors and Deputy Directors of DAE from different parts of the country took part in the workshop. Director General of DAE Mr. M. Habibur Rahman presented the keynote paper on *Aus Rice Cultivation*. The policy makers, researchers, extension officers and others held discussion on the keynote paper and agreed that the production of Aus and Aman rice could be increased, keeping the production of Boro rice unaffected. The discussants emphasized

the increase of rice production in all three seasons. DAE, BRRI, BINA, SRDI, DAE and BADC representatives presented papers on their own activities on rice. In order to increase the production of Aus rice, a number of recommendations were made in the workshop. These include a) identification of suitable Aus area, b) selection of variety, c) adoption of recommended production technology, d) strengthening of research extension linkage, e) conduct research on the unapproved rice at field level, f) seed production and distribution, g) timely sowing and planting seed, h) crop harvest and preservation, i) training and motivation, and j) preparation of 5-year action plan to boost up the Aus rice production system.

National Workshop on Advancement of Integrated Pest Management Research and Development Activities in Bangladesh

A day-long workshop on the *Advancement of Integrated Pest Management Research and Development Activities in Bangladesh* organized by Crops Division, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council was held at BARC on 29 March 2011. The objective of the workshop was to evaluate the achievement of IPM research and development activities in Bangladesh. Matia Chowdhury, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as chief guest and Mr. Md. Anwar Faruque, Director General, Seed Wing, MoA, was present as special guest in the inaugural session. Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC chaired the opening ceremony of the workshop. Dr. Md. Khalequzzaman A. Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops, BARC delivered the welcome address and Dr. Syed Nurul Alam, Head of Entomology Division, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute presented the keynote paper on *The Achievement of Integrated Pest Management Research and Development Work in Bangladesh*. About 70 participants from different organizations including several advanced farmers attended the workshop.

Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury emphasized the importance of IPM technology in

the agricultural production system and said massive expansion programs of IPM technologies need to be undertaken throughout the country. She also emphasized that scientists should pay more attention to the development of integrated management technologies not only on the insect pests but also on the crop diseases. Mr. Md. Anwar Faruque, Director General, Seed Wing, MoA, said we have to develop environment friendly IPM technologies for producing safe food for human consumption.



Matia Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture addressing the workshop as chief guest

In the technical session, four papers on IPM technology and marketing of IPM produce were presented by the scientists and experts from BARI, DAE and two private organizations, i.e. Ispahani Agro. Ltd. and FASAL. Some major recommendations of the workshop were as follows: i) Pesticide free safe food should be market oriented, ii) Proper care should be taken to maintain the quality of bio-control product and sex pheromone, iii) Awareness about IPM and residual effect of pesticide to be created among the scientists, UAO, SAAO and farmers, iv) Proper labeling should be provided on the pesticide product indicating that pesticide is harmful, and v) IPM technologies to be expanded throughout country.

Livestock & Poultry Research and Development Plan of BLRI-2021

Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute organized a day-long workshop on *Livestock and Poultry Research and Development Plan of BLRI 2021* at the BLRI conference room on 23 February 2011 in

Savar. Mr. Abdul Latif Biswas, MP. Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock and Mr. Ujjwal Bikas Datta, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock were present as chief guest and special guest respectively. Dr. Khan Shahidul Huque, Director General of BLRI, presided over the workshop.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mr. Abdul Latif Biswas highlighted the importance of fisheries and



Mr. Abdul Latif Biswas, MP. Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock addressing the workshop on Livestock and Poultry Research and Development Plan of BLRI 2021.

livestock sector for supply of protein to human health saying that BLRI is a responsible organization but because of its inadequate manpower it cannot carry out as much responsibility as it should do. It is necessary for BLRI to establish regional research stations in large number so that the institutes can spread its technologies across the country and the farmers can get informed about their problems from nearby stations, the Hon'ble Minister said adding that mostly the poor people in the rural areas depend on livestock farming and thus the development of this sector is the way of poverty eradication for them. The manpower crisis both of BLRI and DLS would be resolved soon, the Minister assured.

National Workshop on Research Achievements of Past Ten Years of Cereal Crops and Future Research Strategies for Sustainable Crop Production and Food Security.

A two-day workshop on *Research Achievements of Past Ten Years of Cereal Crops and Future Research Strategies for Sustainable Crop Production and Food Security* organized by the

Crops Division of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council was held at BARC during 10-11 January 2011. Mr. C.Q.K. Mustaq Ahmed, Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture was present as the chief guest in the inaugural session. Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC presided over the opening session of the workshop. Dr. Md. Khalequzzaman Akanda Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops, BARC briefed the objectives of organizing the national workshop and welcomed the audience. A keynote paper on *Research & Development of Cereals for National Food Security: Past, Present and Future* was presented by Dr. M. Anwarul Quader Shaikh, former Director General, BINA. About 70 participants including policymakers, scientists, extension personnel, professors, experts and delegates from private seed companies took part in the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to assess the achievement so far made in cereals like rice, wheat, maize and other minor cereals viz. sorghum, millets, barley etc. both in public and private sectors, and to make recommendation for the need based future research of cereals for sustainable production towards achieving food security of the country.



A view of the National Workshop on Research Achievement of Past Ten Years of Cereal Crops and their Future Research Strategies for Sustainable Crop Production and Food Security.

Mr. Mustaq Ahmed, Secretary, MoA in his opening speech reiterated the need of more cereal production including rice for ensuring food as well as nutrition security of the country. He urged researchers for coming forward to conduct frontier research including biotechnology to

grow crops under stress condition i.e under salinity, drought, and submergence condition. The chief guest also emphasized the need of production of quality seeds, saying that production zone may be established for the purpose. He thanked BARC for holding such a workshop. The Executive Chairman of BARC Dr. Wais Kabir emphasized the need of demand driven research for the development of varieties especially suitable for saline areas and varietal development of hybrid rice as well.

The inaugural session of the workshop was followed by a technical session where nineteen technical papers were presented by BARI, BRRI, BINA, DAE, BADC, SCA, BAU, BSMRAU, SAU, Lal Teer Seed Co. Ltd., BRAC, Supreme Seed Co. Ltd. and ACI. A good number of recommendations were placed in the technical papers. A lively discussion was held on each of the paper.

Training Program on Seed Quality Management

A two-day training program on *Seed Quality Management* was organized by Crops Division, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council during 25-26 January 2011 BARC, Dhaka. The objective of the training program was to upgrade knowledge and skills of the scientists and officers involved in seed sector. Mr. Anwar Faruque, Additional Secretary and Director General, Seed

Wing, MoA, who attended the concluding session as chief guest distributed certificates among the trainees. Dr. M. Khalequzzaman A. Chowdhury, Member-Director, Crops presided over the concluding session.

Twelve resource persons from BARC, BARI, BADC, BSMRAU, SCA, MoA and Lal Teer Seed Ltd. delivered lectures on the training course highlighting different aspects of seed quality viz. seed quality control concepts and parameters, seed production, multiplication, modern seed processing, storage techniques, hybrid seed production and multiplication, seed health and pest management, seed certification system, seed business and marketing and seed policy-ordinance-rules of major crops. Dr. Mian Sayeed Hassan, Principal Scientific Officer, Crops, BARC coordinated the training program.

Thirty five scientists/officers from DAE, BADC, BARI, BRRI, SCA, BINA, BSRI, BJRI, ACI Ltd., Lal Teer Seed Ltd., Getco Agro Vision Ltd., MoA and BARC attended the training program which drew much attention of the participants. They were highly encouraged with the effectiveness of such a training program and requested the BARC authority to arrange more training programs on this issue in future. Upon discussion it was opined that the capacity of SCA must be strengthened and marketing of pirated seed tags must be stopped with integrated and coordinated efforts.

Training workshop on Project Development and Management

A five-day training workshop on *Project Development and Management* was organized by the Planning and Evaluation Division, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, during 09-13 January 2011. Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman of BARC, was scheduled to inaugurate the session as chief guest. But due to unavoidable circumstances, he could not attend



Mr. Anwar Faruque, Director General (Seed Wing), MoA distributing certificates among the participants as chief guest in the concluding session.

the program. Dr. Sk. Ghulam Hussain, Member-Director Planning & Evaluation, BARC presided over the inaugural ceremony and he was the Course Director of the training workshop as well. Dr. S. M. Khalilur Rahman, Director of Manpower & Training, BARC was present as special guest. Senior Officers from different divisions of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council were also present in the inaugural ceremony. Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, Principal Scientific Officer, Planning & Evaluation was the Course Coordinator.

Twenty five participants from different NARS institutes including BARC attended the workshop. Resource persons were from BARC, National Academy for Planning and Development, Planning Commission and Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU). The course content of the training workshop included topics on project cycle, project appraisal, logical framework, preparation of different types of project documents (PDPP/DPP/TPP), critical path method, result based monitoring, PPR-2008, financial delegations etc.

The workshop was conducted based on class lectures, practical sessions and open discussions. Dr. S. M. Khalilur Rahman, Director of Manpower & Training said this training workshop aims at providing some preliminary ideas to the participants about project planning and management.

Highlighting the importance of such a training workshop Dr. Sk. Ghulam Hussain, Member Director, P&E, hoped that this workshop would help the participants gain knowledge on how the

projects can be prepared and managed properly and efficiently. The workshop ended on 13 January 2011 amidst a certificate giving ceremony where the Executive Chairman of BARC was present as chief guest.

Dissemination of Nutrition Information among School, College and Madrassa Teachers



Participants of the Training workshop on Project Development and Management

Executive Chairman of BARC Dr. Wais Kabir inaugurated a three-day training program on *Dissemination of Nutrition Information among School, College and Madrassa Teachers* jointly organized by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council

and Bangladesh Applied Nutrition and Human Resource Development Board (BANHRDB) during 8-10 January, 2011 at the Training Room of Deputy Director, DAE, office in Naogaon district town.

The program was presided over by Dr. M.M Saiful Islam, Executive Director of BANHRDB where the Deputy Director of DAE Mr. Abbas Ali was present as special guest.

Dr. Wais Kabir who attended the program as chief guest in his inaugural speech highlighted the importance of our knowledge about the nutritive value of the foods we take every day saying that development of human resource is the key to the development of a nation. Similarly, nutrition is essential for the development of healthy manpower. Dr. Kabir said nutrition requirements vary from man to man with the growing stages of human being and called upon

the trainee teachers to gain sound knowledge about nutrition and disseminate it to others through their students. Thirty teachers of different schools, colleges and madrassas of the district took part in this three day training program.

Field Day program on Mustard Crops: Pulse, Oilseed and Onion Seed Production at Farmer Level and Inspiring the Farmers for Boro Cultivation

A Field Day program on *Mustard Crops: Pulse, Oilseed and Onion Seed Production at Farmer Level and Inspiring the Farmers for Boro Cultivation* was held on 8 January 2011 at the premises of Daluabari Dakhil Madrassa, Manda Upazila of Naogaon. Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman of BARC, was present as chief guest.

Presided over by the Deputy Director of DAE, Naogaon Mr. Abbas Ali the meeting was addressed among others by Plant Protection Specialist Mr. Shahnewaz, Production Specialist Mr. Anwarul Islam, Plant Protection Officer Mr. Rezaul Karim, UP Chairman Mr. Moqbul Hossain and Upazila Extension Officer Jahangir Alam Pramanik. Dr. Kabir, while speaking on the occasion as chief guest mentioned that climate change is altering the entire nature including the soil. To combat the adverse effect we need to bring about a change in our cropping pattern and develop climate compatible crop varieties.

After the meeting the Executive Chairman accompanied by Additional Director of DAE, Rajshahi Division and DD, DAE of Naogaon visited the 'Shah Krishi Thathhya Pathagar (Shah Agricultural Information Library) based at the village Kaligram in Manda. The Executive Chairman appreciated Mr. Jahangir Alam Shah for the establishment of such a library in a remote area through his personal initiative for the betterment of the local farmers. Dr. Kabir discussed how the Library could be improved both in terms of

infrastructure development and increase the reserve of agricultural related books.

The Executive Chairman of BARC Dr. Wais Kabir also inspected different existing crop field of the district including demonstration plot of BARI-9 Mustard in the village Barunkandi of Naogaon Sadar Upazilla and the demonstration plot of BARI-23 (Bijoy) wheat in the village Haponi under the same Upazilla. The Executive Chairman exchanged views with the local farmers about the prospects of these varieties and the constraints they are facing in this respect.

Concluding program of foundation Training Course for NARS scientists

The concluding program of *Foundation Training Course for NARS scientists (Batch-21)* was held at Bangladesh Academy of Rural Development on January 16 2011. This four month training program from September 19, 2010 to January 16 2011 was sponsored by BARC and conducted by BARD. Mr. Anwar Faruque, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Director General, Seed Wing, attended the program as chief guest and Executive Chairman of BARC Dr. Wais Kabir was present as special guest. Presided over by the Director General of BARD Mr. Md. Ataur Rahman the meeting was addressed among others by Additional Director General Mr. Mohammad Mir Kashem, Director (Training) of BARC SM Khalilur Rahman, Director, Training, of BARD Mr. SJ Anwar Zahid and Course Coordinator Mr. Md. Qamrul Ahsan. Forty scientists from different NARS institutes took part in the training program.



A view of the certificate distributing ceremony of the Foundation Training Course.

Highlighting the importance of foundation training course especially for the entry level scientists Mr. Anwar Faruque said this training would be very helpful for their professional life. In the wake of the gradual increase of population and decrease of agricultural land area the DG, Seed Wing, urged upon the scientists to work with close cooperation with the extension officers and identify the constraints to more crop production.

Executive Chairman of BARC Dr. Wais Kabir said, "You will be leading NARS tomorrow and the agriculture in the coming years will be more challenging. Hence, the task ahead you will be more daunting and challenging". To cope with the future challenges in agriculture Dr. Kabir called upon the scientists to acquire more knowledge beyond the classroom's one. He also thanked the BARC authority to conduct this training. In the end top five trainees were awarded DG awards based on their training performance.

Introduction to Arc View GIS

Computer and GIS unit of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council organized a training program on *Introduction to Arc View GIS* from 1st to 10th February 2011. The objectives of this program were: (i) having basic GIS concepts, (ii) components and functions of ArcView GIS software and (iii) developing skills to operate the buttons, tools and menus needed in ArcView.

A Geographical Information System is a computer-based tool for mapping and analyzing things that exist and events that happen on earth. GIS technology integrates common database operations such as query and statistical analysis with the unique visualization and geographic analysis benefits offered by maps.

GIS is used in a variety of agricultural applications such as land suitability assessment, disaster management, and agro-ecological characterization. The ability of GIS to analyze and visualize agricultural environments and work flows has proved to be very beneficial to those involved in the farming industry. From mobile GIS in the field to the scientific analysis of production data at the farm manager's office, GIS is playing an increasing

role in agriculture production throughout the world by helping farmers increase production, reduce costs, and manage their land more efficiently.

The training program was inaugurated by Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman of BARC. The Executive Chairman in his deliberation emphasized the importance of the GIS



Executive Chairman of BARC distributing certificates among the participants

applications in the field of agriculture and natural resource management. Dr. Sk. Ghulam Hussain, Member Director, Planning & Evaluation, BARC and Md. Abeed Hossain Chowdhury, Director, Computer and GIS, also spoke on the occasion. Twenty participants from BARC and NARS institutes participated in the training program. Dr. Sk. Ghulam Hussain, Md. Abeed Hossain Chowdhury, Md. Shohid Uddin Bhuyan of BARC and Motaleb Hossain Sarker of CEGIS were the resource persons of the training program.

Technical Report Writing and Editing

Agricultural Information Centre, BARC organized a 5-day training program on *Technical Report Writing and Editing* during 13-17 February 2010 at BARC. The training program was inaugurated by Mrs. Dil Afroz, Director, Agricultural Information Centre, BARC. The main objective of training program was to make the editors, scientists and other officers involved

in publication activities aware of the modern and right techniques of technical report writing and editing so that scientific publications and reports would be more flawless and reader friendly. Twenty five officials from NARS institutes attended the training program. Papers were presented on writing technical/scientific paper, contents and conventions, methodology of scientific

Training Program on Administrative and Financial Management

Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council organized a 14-day Training Program on *Administrative and Financial Management* during 23 March-06 April 2011 at Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development Kotbari, Comilla. A total of 18 PSOs and CSOs from different NARS institutes participated in the program. The general objective of the training program was to acquaint the participants with modern concepts of administrative and financial management system. The specific objectives were to adopt concepts and ideas of modern management procedures by the participants, acquaint the participants with the rules and regulations related to office management in government institutions and enhance the knowledge and skill of the participants on financial rules and regulations of the public institutions.

Dr. S.J. Anwer Zahid, Director (Training), BARD was the course Director, Md. Mizanur Rahman, Joint Director, was course coordinator and Mr. Newaz Ahmed Chowdhury, Deputy Director was an Associate Course Director.



Mrs. Dil Afroz addressing the concluding session of the training program.

article, reference citation, unicode and web publishing, IPR copyright, image processing using illustration in printing and photography etc. Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC delivered lecture highlighting the importance of technical report writing and editing that inspired the trainee much. The training also included some practical sessions.

In the closing ceremony Dr. Sk. Ghulam Hussain, Member Director (P & E), BARC was present as chief guest and distributed certificates among the participants. Dr. SM Khalilur Rahman, Director, Training and Manpower was also present as special guest while Dil Afroz, Director, Agricultural Information Centre AIC presided over the closing ceremony. The chief guest Dr. Hussain, appreciated the program and highlighted the importance of this training suggesting to continue such courses for enriching the scientific publications.



A view of the administrative and financial management training.

The training program was inaugurated by Dr. S M Khalilur Rahman, Member Director, AERS, BARC who was present as the guest of honour. Presided over by Mr. Mohammad Mir Kashem, Additional Director General, BARD the inaugural session was

addressed among others by Director (Training) of BARD.

While narrating various aspects of administrative and financial management Dr. S M Khalilur Rahman said that this program would help increase efficiency of the NARS scientists and thus good governance and productivity will be ensured in the NARS institutes. The training program was sponsored by PIU-BARC, NATP phase-I.

Use of Farm Machinery and Efficient Irrigation System Management

Agricultural Engineering Section of BARC, Farm Machinery and Post-harvest Process Engineering Division of BARI jointly organized a training course on *Agricultural Engineering Technology Use of Farm Machinery and Efficient Irrigation System Management* at BARI, Gazipur for 2 (two) batches. The objective of this training was to



A view of the training course on farm machinery and Efficient Irrigation System Management generate awareness about the technologies available in NARS institutes among the agricultural engineers working in DAE and NARS institutes. More than 30 agricultural engineers from DAE participated in the training program in two batches. The training for the first batch was held on 26th February to 01 March 2011 the inaugural session of

which was chaired by Eng. Shoeb Hassan, CSO (FMP. Eng.), BARI where Dr. Md. Shiazul Islam, Director Research, BARI was present as chief guest.

The training for the second batch was held during 05-08 March 2011, at BARI, Gazipur the inaugural session of which was chaired by Eng. Dr. Md. Abdul Wohab, PSO (FMP. Eng.), BARI where Mr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Director (T & C), BARI was present as chief guest. Dr. Sultan Ahmmed, CSO (Agril. Eng.), BARC was present as special guest as well as the training coordinator for all the batches.

Use of Fertilizer Inspection Manual

National Resources Management Division, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council organized a training Program on *Use of Fertilizer Inspection Manual* during 7-10 March 2011. The training program was inaugurated by Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC who attended the program as chief guest. Dr. Ahammed Ali Hasan, Member Director, NRM Division, BARC chaired the session. The objective of the training program was to upgrade professional as well as technical and legal aspects of monitoring and quality control knowledge on fertilizers and make the best use of Fertilizer Inspection Manual for maintaining the quality of fertilizers used in the country. Chief Scientific Officer Dr. M. A. Sattar gave the welcome address highlighting the importance of this manual.

Forestry Technologies for Capacity Building

A day long training program on *Forestry Technologies for capacity Building* of professionals was held on 12 January 2011 in the BARC conference room. In the training program Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC was present as chief guest, Dr. Md. Maklesur Rhaman was presents as special guest. Dr. Ahmed Ali Hasan, Member Director, NRM division chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Mohammed

Shahjahan, CSO forest BARC gave the welcome address. The chief guest Dr. Kabir urged the scientists to strengthen their professional capacity. The chairperson also expressed the same view and said that scientists should be more dynamic to address the future challenges.



Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC program addressing the inaugural session of the training

Consolidation of Plant Varieties by the NARS Institutes and Agricultural Universities

Agricultural Information Center of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council organized a workshop on *Consolidation of Plant Varieties by the NARS Institutes and Agricultural Universities* on 22 March 2011 at BARC. Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC presided over the workshop. Mrs. Dil Afroz, Director, AIC, gave the inductory speech. She highlighted the objectives and activities of the project. In the workshop, Rafique Mostafa Kamal, Principal Librarian and Principal Investigator of this project presented a power point presentation covering the previous activities and total status of this project. The chairperson Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, BARC said varietal development of crops has in fact resulted in the overall development of the country. He also requested to make this publication into a professional output. In this workshop focal



A view of the Workshop on Consolidation of Plant Varieties by the NARS Institutes and Agricultural Universities.

point officers from different NARS Institutes and Agricultural Universities participated and also discussed the quality publication of the released varieties.

Governing Body Meeting

The 38th Council *Governing Body Meeting* was held at BARC Conference Room on 16 March 2011. Begum Matia Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Chairperson of the Governing Body presided over the meeting. The meeting reviewed implementation and progress of the decisions taken in the 37th Governing Body meeting. The final draft on 'Research Priorities in Bangladesh Agriculture' for the period 2030 and beyond subject to the incorporation of development of drought tolerant



A view of the Governing Body Meeting

crop varieties, development of dhoincha crops, disease management and medicare of fisheries and livestock and development of indigenous fruits in it, was unanimously approved by the distinguished members.

Executive Council Meetings

The 87th and 88th *Executive Council meetings* were held at BARC Conference Room No. 1 on 2 February 2011 and 10 March 2011 respectively. Both the meetings were presided over by Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman of BARC and Chairman of the Executive Council. The 87th EC meeting reviewed implementation and progress of the decisions taken in the 86th meeting. It discussed the research proposals and budgets for the fiscal year 2010-2011 placed by BJRI and BFRI (forest) and approved the budgets. In the said meeting it was also decided that the financial and administrative management of the sub-projects under SPGR will be run as per the existing rules of BARC.



Dr. wais kabir, Executive Chairman
addressing the EC meeting

The 88th EC meeting reviewed implementation and progress of the decisions taken in the 87th EC meeting. It discussed the research proposals and budgets for the fiscal year 2010-2011 placed by BINA and approved the budgets. The meeting

also approved the recommendations on recruitment of three CSOs and providing time-scale to three officers as placed by BARC Recruitment/Promotion Committee-1 and Committee-2.

Executive Chairman Visits Dinajpur

Dr. Wais Kabir Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council visited the Wheat Research Centre of BARI, Noshipur, Dinajpur during 11-12 Marh 2001. Dr. Kabir visited the research field of WRC on 12 March 2011 and observed the performance of the NATP's SPGR sub-project "Development of Short Stature Wheat Varieties Tolerant to High Temperature". He exchanged views with the scientists concerned with this sub-project. The Executive Chairman of BARC also inspected the pre-harvest performance of other wheat varieties developed by BARI.



Dr. Wais Kabir, EC, BARC visiting a wheat
field at Noshipur, Dinajpur

Visit Abroad:

Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman of BARC, attended the 17th CABI Review Conference held in London, UK during 15-16 February 2011.

Dr. M. Khalequzzaman A. Chowdhury, Member Director (Crops), BARC attended the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Biotechnology during 22-23 February 2011, held in Colombo, Srilanka, MoFA.

Appointment/ Retirement

The Following officers and staff have been appointed and went to retirement during January-March 2011-04-28

Dr. Kabir Ikramul Haque has been appointed as chief scientific officer as chief scientific officer on 13-3-2011.

" Dr. Md. Abdus sattar has been appointed as chief scientific officer as chief scientific officer on 13-3-2011.

Dr. A. S. M. Anwarul Haque has been appointed as chief scientific officer as chief scientific officer on 13-3-2011.

Dr. Moslemuddin Mia, Director (Nutrition) has gone to L.P.R on 1-2-2011

Mr. Korshed Alam, Electrician, BARC has gone to L.P.R on 21-2-2011

Mr. Gopendra Nath, Guard, BARC has gone to L.P.R on 2-1-2011

Readers and Contributors

The scientists, technologists and concerned officials involved in NARS institutes are requested to send articles, success stories, research highlights and reports on important events with quality photographs for BARC Newsletter. Cooperation in this regard as well as your valuable comments and suggestions for our future endeavour would be highly appreciated.

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